

REMARKS

Claim 13 has been amended to recite "component" rather than "compound." Claims 1-12 have been canceled. Claims 24 and 25 have been withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. Thus, claims 13-25 are pending in the present application, with claims 13-23 currently under consideration. Although claims 24 and 25 are directed to a non-elected invention, inasmuch as these claims are all ultimately dependent on the elected claims, rejoinder of the claims will be proper upon allowance of the elected claims.

A minor amendment to Claim 13 for reasons unrelated to patentability. Specifically, this amendment is made to comport the language in the claim to that used in the specification. Support for the amendment to claim 13 may be found in the specification at page 22, lines 1-2. Thus, the present amendment does not add new matter, and entry thereof is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(f)

Claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(f) as allegedly being anticipated by Sato et al. (US 2006/0251986). Claims 1-10 have been canceled, thus rendering this rejection moot.

Applicants' representative spoke with the Examiner by telephone, at which time the Examiner confirmed that Claims 13-23 were allowable.

Request for rejoinder

Upon allowance of composition claims 13-23, Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of method claims 24 and 25. According to M.P.E.P. § 821.04, "In order to be eligible for rejoinder, a claim to a nonelected invention must depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable claim." Since claim 24 depends on claim 13, and claim 25 depends on claim 24, then rejoinder is proper. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the rejoined claims be fully examined for patentability in accordance with 37 CFR 1.104.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance. However, if minor matters remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the

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telephone number provided below. Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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